

**Abstract**

A method and system for providing a network of leading experts for use by clients, for example, a payor such as an HMO or an employer, or an engineering firm, and the like, via the Internet. The technique includes recruitment of specialists who are outside of the client's region or who have a valued technical skill, to be a part of a specialty network and for facilitating the obtaining of the appropriate contracts between the specialist and the client. This technique further acts as an intermediary between the client and the client's members/employees who seek referral to a particular specialist of the network, thus allowing a client's members/employees to be quickly and electronically referred to a specialist. This technique is designed to connect any specialist to any client needing special expertise.